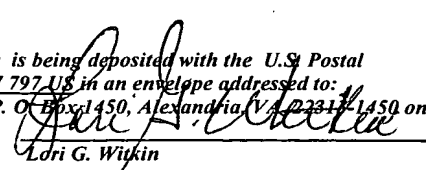
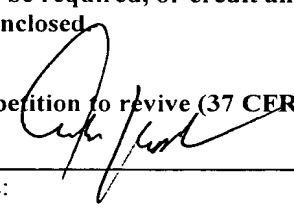


oFORM PTO-1390 (REV. 11-2000)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER P/63777	
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 20/564688	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/051440		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE July 9, 2004		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED July 11, 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION BACKPLANE HAVING A WIRED COUPLING BETWEEN CARD SLOTS					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Juergen FISCHER; Harald GEIGER					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.					
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).					
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).					
6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.					
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).					
9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).					
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).					
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:					
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.					
12. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included and fee.					
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.					
14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.					
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.					
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.					
17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.					
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Receipt Acknowledgement Postcard					

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE FOLLOWING BASIC NATIONAL FEES ARE SUBMITTED:			
■ Basic National Stage Fee.....\$300.00			
■ National Stage Search Fee.....\$500.00			
■ National Stage Examination Fee.....\$200.00			
<input type="checkbox"/> National Stage Application Size Fee - for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets.....\$250.00			
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =			\$1,000.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)). <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30			\$0.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE \$
Total claims	10 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00 \$0.00
Independent claims	2 3 =	0	x \$200.00 \$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00 \$0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =			\$1,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.			\$0.00
SUBTOTAL =			\$1,000.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30			\$0.00
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =			\$1,000.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +			\$0.00
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =			\$1,000.00
			Amount to be refunded: \$
			charged: \$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$1,000.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed and Assignment recordal.			
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>11-1145</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.			
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.			
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:			
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail No. EV 667 157 797 US in an envelope addressed to: Box: PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22314-1450 on: <u>January 11, 2006</u> (date)  Lori G. Witkin			
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